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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of July 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.